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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF RCE

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks:

In the claims, please amend claims 1, 12 and 13 as follows:

--Claim 1. (Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar linear measuring tape comprising

a gripper body having a generally planar body expanse in the form generally of a closed plane with perimeter structure which generally circumsurrounds said body expanse, said perimeter structure being formed with a row of plural, spaced perimeter-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projection elements which project from the plane of the body expanse toward the direction of a joined measuring tape, said projection elements being adapted to contact and grip the far surface of a workpiece having a dimension which is being measured relative to that surface,